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1. REFTELS REPORT RESIGNATIONS OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY TAKEO MIKI,
FINANCE MINISTER TAKEO FUKUDA, AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ADMINISTRA-
TIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY SHIGERU HORI AS WELL AS SHIFT OF MASAYOSHI
OHIRA FROM POST OF FOREIGN MINISTER TO THAT OF FINANCE MINISTER.
FOLLOWING IS BIODATA ON NEW CABINET MEMBERS.

2. TOSHIO KIMURA (65), NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, IS HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES MEMBER RETURNED NINE TIMES FROM MIE PREFECTURE.
HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY FROM
JULY 1971 TO JULY 1972. CENTRAL REFERENCE SERVICE REPORTS
SUMMARIZE AVAILABLE BIO INFORMATION UP TO AND INCLUDING THAT
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ASSIGNMENT. IN SEPTEMBER 1972, KIMURA TRAVELED TO PRC AS

MEMBER OF LDP DELEGATION HEADED BY ZENTARO KOSAKA WHICH HELPED LAY GROUNDWORK FOR PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S VISIT WHICH FOLLOWED SOON AFTER. IN LATE 1973, KIMURA BECAME CHAIRMAN OF LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, POSITION HE HAS HELD UNTIL CABINET APPOINTMENT. KIMURA HAS NO FACTIONAL AFFILIATION, BUT REMAINS CLOSE TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER SATO WHOM HE ACCOMPANIED TO WASHINGTON FOR PRESIDENT NIXON'S SECOND INAUGURAL IN JAN 73.

3. KIGHIZO HOSODA (62), NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY, IS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEMBER RETURNED FIVE TIMES FROM SHIMANE PREFECTURE. BORN IN MAY 1912 HE GRADUATED FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY AND JOINED TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY WHERE HE SERVED 23 YEARS. WHILE IN TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY HE WAS CHIEF OF TOURIST INDUSTRY BUREAU AND CHIEF OF MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT. BASED ON MINISTRY EXPERIENCE, HE WROTE BOOKS ENTITLED QTE CARGO TRAFFIC UNQTE AND QTE TRANSPORTATION AND TOURIST INDUSTRY UNQTE. HOSODA ENTERED POLITICS IN 1960 UNDER TUTELAGE OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER SATO. WHILE SATO WAS PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (1965-66) AND AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS MINISTRY (1967). HE ALSO HELD VARIOUS PARTY POSTS INCLUDING THAT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL. HE IS CURRENTLY MEMBER OF LDP BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN DIET HE HAS BEEN SERVING AS DIRECTOR IN LOWER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND AS MEMBER OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. AT TIME TANAKA CABINET WAS FORMED, HOSODA LEFT SATO FACTION AND JOINED FUKUDA FACTION ALONG WITH SHIGERU HORI. HE HAS SINCE BEEN PRINCIPAL MEMBER OF HORI GROUP (SHUZAN CLUN) WITHIN FUKUDA FACTION.

4. MATSUHEI MORI (61), NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY, IS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEMBER RETURNED SIX TIMES FROM EHIME PREFECTURE. BORN JULY 16, 1913, HE GRADUATED FROM KEIO UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY. EMPLOYEE OF SOUTH MANCHURIAN RAILROAD BEFORE AND DURING WORLD WAR II, HE WAS BRIEFLY INTERNED BY RED ARMY AT WAR'S END. ENGAGED IN VARIETY OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, HE MADE THREE UNSUCCESSFUL BIDS (ONCE ARRESTED FOR ELECTION LAW VIOLATION IN 1952) BEFORE BEING ELECTED TO DIET IN 1958. MORI WAS NAMED FOREIGN MINISTRY PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER IN 1963 (IKEDA CABINET) AND WAS ACTIVE IN PROMOTING JAPAN-TAIWAN RELATIONS. (HE IS CURRENTLY MEMBER
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OF JAPAN-TAIWAN DIETMAN'S LEAGUE.) HE HAS HELD VARIETY OF PARTY POSTS AND CURRENTLY ONE OF LDP DEPUTY SECRETARIES GENERAL. MEMBER OF LOWER HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, HE HAS ALSO CHAIRED THAT COMMITTEE AND ALSO SERVED ON STEERING COMMITTEE. MORI HAS TRAVELED ABROAD SEVERAL TIMES, AND PLACES VISITED INCLUDE UNITED STATES, USSR, EUROPE, SOUTH AMERICA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. STaunch SUPPORTER OF SECURITY TREATY, HE RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES IN 1960 DIET SCUFFLES RELATING TO TREATY RATIFICATION. HE IS

LONG-TIME MEMBER OF MIKI FACTION.
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